

# PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT



The Purpose and Need statement is a brief statement that identifies the reasons for proposing a major transportation improvement project. It helps to set the goals and establish the benchmarks from which the project's alternatives are evaluated. RTD would like to receive comments on the suggested Purpose and Need statement as shown below:

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Northwest Rail project is to implement fixed guideway mass transit service between Denver, Boulder, and Longmont with the least-environmentally damaging, practicable alternative.

## **NEED:**

- Improve mobility
- Address increasing congestion
- Provide effective transit service
- Provide multimodal travel options
- Increase trip capacity